

What is claimed is:

1. A method for simultaneously displaying relationships of measurements of features associated with a medical image, the method comprising:
  - 5 (a) providing a plurality of measurements of features associated with a medical image, each of the plurality of measurements corresponding to a respective measurement type;
  - (b) associating each of the plurality of measurements with a reference specific to its measurement type;
  - 10 (c) for each of the plurality of measurements, creating a relationship between the measurement and the reference specific to its measurement type; and
  - (d) simultaneously displaying at least two of the relationships created in (c) in a graphical display format.
- 15 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of measurements is associated with a time intensity curve.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of measurements comprises a fetal growth measurement.
- 20 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least some of the plurality of measurements comprise different measurement types.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the measurements comprises a quantification of a physiological attribute that appears in a medical image.
- 25 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the measurements comprises a quantification of a physiological attribute that is a calculation derived from raw imaging data.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the measurements comprises a quantification of a physiological attribute that is available through an imaging system but is not data that is used to create a medical image.

5 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least some of the relationships show a measure of deviation from a normal.

9. The method of Claim 1, wherein (d) comprises displaying the at least two of the relationships in a single graph.

10 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein (d) comprises displaying the at least two of the relationships in separate graphs.

15 11. The method of Claim 1, wherein the medical image comprises an ultrasound image.

12. The method of Claim 1, wherein (d) is performed on a medical diagnostic imaging system.

20 13. The method of Claim 1, wherein (d) is performed on an image review system.

14. A method for simultaneously displaying fetal growth data, the method comprising:

25 (a) generating a medical diagnostic ultrasound image of a fetus with a medical diagnostic ultrasound imaging system;

(b) measuring anatomical components shown in the medical diagnostic ultrasound image of the fetus;

(c) generating a plurality of fetal growth data based on the measurements of the anatomical components shown in the medical diagnostic ultrasound image of the fetus; and

(d) simultaneously displaying the plurality of fetal growth data in a graphical display format.

15. The method of Claim 14, wherein (d) comprises:

5 (d1) normalizing the plurality of fetal growth data; and  
(d2) displaying the plurality of fetal growth data in a single graph.

16. The method of Claim 14, wherein (d) comprises displaying the plurality of fetal growth data in separate graphs.

10 17. The method of Claim 14, wherein the graphical display format shows the plurality of fetal growth data with respect to a mean and a standard deviation.

15 18. The method of Claim 14, wherein the graphical display format shows, for at least some of the fetal growth data, a plurality of data points acquired throughout pregnancy.

19. The method of Claim 14, wherein (d) comprises simultaneously displaying the plurality of fetal growth data on the medical diagnostic ultrasound imaging system.

20 20. The method of Claim 14, wherein (d) comprises simultaneously displaying the plurality of fetal growth data on an image review system.

21. The method of Claim 14 further comprising:

25 (e) selecting one of the plurality of fetal growth data displayed in the graphical display format; and  
(f) displaying the selected fetal growth data in an expanded format.

22. The method of Claim 14, wherein the plurality of fetal growth data comprises at least one of the following: estimated fetal weight, biparietal diameter, head circumference, abdominal circumference, femur length, crown rump length, and anterior-posterior trunk/thorax diameter.

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5           23. A medical diagnostic ultrasound imaging system comprising:  
              a beamformer;  
              a transducer;  
              a display device; and  
              a processor in communication with the beamformer, transducer, and display device, wherein the processor is operative to:  
                        generate an ultrasound image of a fetus undergoing ultrasound examination;  
                        generate a plurality of fetal growth data based on measurements of anatomical components shown in the medical diagnostic ultrasound image of the fetus; and  
                        simultaneously display the plurality of fetal growth data in a graphical display format on the display device.

10           15           24. The system of Claim 23, wherein the processor is further operative to normalize the plurality of fetal growth data and display the plurality of fetal growth data in a single graph.

20           25. The system of Claim 23, wherein the processor is further operative to display the plurality of fetal growth data in separate graphs.

25           26. The system of Claim 23, wherein the graphical display format shows the plurality of fetal growth data with respect to a mean and a standard deviation.

30           27. The method of Claim 23, wherein the graphical display format shows, for at least some of the fetal growth data, a plurality of data points acquired throughout pregnancy.

              28. The system of Claim 23, wherein the processor is further operative to display a selected fetal growth data in an expanded format.

29. The system of Claim 23, wherein the plurality of fetal growth data comprises at least one of the following: estimated fetal weight, biparietal diameter, head circumference, abdominal circumference, femur length, crown rump length, and anterior-posterior trunk/thorax diameter.

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30. A method for simultaneously displaying fetal growth data, the method comprising:

- (a) providing a plurality of fetal growth data based on measurements of anatomical components shown in a medical diagnostic ultrasound image of a fetus; and
- (b) simultaneously displaying the plurality of fetal growth data in a graphical display format.

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31. The method of Claim 30, wherein (b) comprises:

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- (b1) normalizing the plurality of fetal growth data; and
- (b2) displaying the plurality of fetal growth data in a single graph.

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33. The method of Claim 30, wherein the graphical display format shows the plurality of fetal growth data with respect to a mean and a standard deviation.

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34. The method of Claim 30, wherein the graphical display format shows, for at least some of the fetal growth data, a plurality of data points acquired throughout pregnancy.

35. The method of Claim 30, wherein (b) comprises simultaneously displaying the plurality of fetal growth data on the medical diagnostic ultrasound imaging system.

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36. The method of Claim 30, wherein (b) comprises simultaneously displaying the plurality of fetal growth data on an image review system.

37. The method of Claim 30 further comprising:

- (c) selecting one of the plurality of fetal growth data displayed in the graphical display format; and
- (d) displaying the selected fetal growth data in an expanded format.

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38. The method of Claim 30, wherein the plurality of fetal growth data comprises at least one of the following: estimated fetal weight, biparietal diameter, head circumference, abdominal circumference, femur length, crown rump length, and anterior-posterior trunk/thorax diameter.

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39. The method of Claim 1 wherein the image is enhanced by a contrast agent.

40. The method of Claim 11 wherein the ultrasound image shows the movement of contrast agent that has been injected in the patient being scanned.

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41. The method of Claim 2 wherein some of the measurements are referenced to values that are determined on the basis of the region or organ from which the data originates.

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42. The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of measurements is a parameter originating from fitting the time-intensity data with a known function.

43. A method for displaying an ultrasound contrast time intensity curve, the method comprising:

- (a) displaying a first curve representing an expected ultrasound contrast time intensity curve;
- (b) displaying second and third curves above and below the first curve, respectively, the second and third curves representing a statistical variation of the expected ultrasound contrast time intensity curve; and
- (c) displaying an ultrasound contrast time intensity curve of a study;

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wherein the ultrasound contrast time intensity curve and the first, second, and third curves are displayed on a single graph.

44. The method of Claim 43 further comprising generating the ultrasound contrast time intensity curve.

45. The method of Claim 43 further comprising:

injecting a contrast agent into a body;

applying an ultrasonic pulse to burst bubbles of which the contrast agent is comprised;

imaging a region in the body before and after the application of the ultrasonic pulse; and

determining a speed at which contrast agent fills the region.